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to east, but he was in the house, and may have been misled by the fact that the sounds were first heard in the west but appeared to die away in the east. This inverted order would result from a series of sounds coming from different points of the meteor's path, the more distant sounds coming last.

"*Fourth.*—By reference to a celestial globe, it will be seen that if we draw a line from Lat. + 15°, Long. 125° to Lat. + 15°, Long. 155° the meteor's *quit* may be regarded as not very far from some point in this line. The zenithal attraction will be nearly along this line, and so may be disregarded. The earth's *quit* was in Long. 43° in the ecliptic. The meteor's *absolute quit* would be between its *relative quit* above described and the earth's *quit*, say in the constellation *Gemini*, and 10° or 15° north of the ecliptic. The meteor body was therefore at its descending node, and its orbit had a small inclination to the ecliptic. It had not passed perihelion.

"Yours most truly, H. A. NEWTON."

YALE COLLEGE,
NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 4, 1894.

NEW ASTRONOMICAL STATION FOR HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., February 12, 1894.

It was announced this afternoon that on March 1, Harvard University Observatory will start an expedition to Arizona to locate a new observatory station. Such a station has been the plan of Professor PICKERING for years, but he has never before had the necessary financial backing.

PERCIVAL LOWELL of Boston has just donated a large fund for this purpose, and Mr. LOWELL will go as a member of the party. A. E. DOUGLASS, assistant in the Cambridge Observatory, will leave before the other members of the expedition in order to make experiments.

WILLIAM PICKERING, who led the Harvard expedition into Peru, will manage this work.

The station in Arizona will be for visual investigation, as the Harvard station in Arequipa, Peru, is for photographic purposes. This will give the Cambridge Observatory two of the best locations in the world. The great BRUCE photographic telescope now being tested will be shipped to Peru. It will be the largest of its kind in use.—S. F. *Chronicle.*